

REMARKS

This Replacement Amendment is presented to replace the claims sections of the amendment filed July 20, 2004, which the Examiner found to be non-compliant as stated in the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed September 10, 2004.

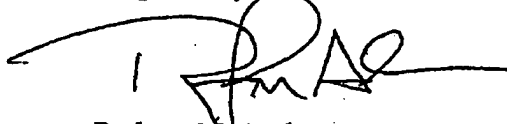
Each of claims 3, 5, 9, 15, 16, and 20 are now indicated as "previously presented", rather than "previously amended" or "previously added" as previously submitted.

Applicant respectfully submit that this Replacement Amendment is in proper form, and reconsideration of this application is again respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned if any further questions remain or otherwise arise regarding this application.

Applicant respectfully maintains that all claims now in this case are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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